



LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 | 1:15 p.m. | The INN Between 1216 East 1300 South Salt Lake City, UT 84105

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair
Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Todd Weiler
Sen. Brian Zehnder
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Edward H. Redd
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

President Wayne L. Niederhauser

Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy

Staff Present:

Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Maddy Oritt, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary

Members Absent:

Sen. Daniel Hemmert

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Call to Order

Chair Ray called the meeting to order at 1:43 PM and excused Sen. Hemmert.

2 . Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2018 and September 17, 2018 meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-10

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. E. Redd
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler
Sen. B. Zehnder

Nays-0

Absent-7

Rep. R. Edwards
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Kennedy
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Sen. K. Van Tassell

3 . Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) – Direct Care Staff Salary

Ms. Angela Pinna, Director, Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD), Department of Human Services (DHS), delivered the report to the committee. Mr. Clay Hiatt, Financial Manager, DSPD, was available for questions from the committee.

4 . Budget Deep-Dive into Disability Service Provider Rates: Follow-Up Reports –

[5a-Issue Brief - 2017 Interim - Budget Deep-Dive into Disability Service Provider Rates](#)

Ms. Tonya Hales, Assistant Director, Division of Medicaid and Health Financing (DMHF), Department of Health (DOH), gave an overview of the follow-up reports.

Rep. Redd asked clarifying questions and Ms. Hales responded.

Sen. Escamilla asked follow up questions and Ms. Hales responded.

5 . DSPD Report on Waiting List Management

[6a-Waiting List Management Strategies - Report with LFA Highlight](#)

[6b-Waiting List Management Strategies - Presentation](#)

Ms. Pinna presented the reports to the committee.

Rep. Ward asked clarifying questions and Ms. Pinna responded.

Rep. Redd asked for additional information and Ms. Pinna answered.

Sen. Escamilla asked a clarifying question and Ms. Pinna responded.

Chair Ray asked for clarification about the projected funding needs and Ms. Hales responded.

Rep. Ward asked for more information and Ms. Hales responded.

Rep. Redd asked for more information and Ms. Pinna and Ms. Hales responded.

Sen. Escamilla asked clarifying questions and Ms. Pinna responded.

Rep. Thurston commented on the waiting list and unmet needs of the known population awaiting services.

6 . Legislative Audit of Juvenile Justice Services (JJS) – Interim Progress Report

[7b-Juvenile Justice Services Commits to Efficiency and Outcomes for Youth](#)

[7c-Juvenile Justice Services Report on Cost per Client and Previous Funding Reductions](#)

Ms. Ann Williamson, Executive Director, DHS, and Ms. Susan Burke, Director, Division of Juvenile Justice Services, DHS, introduced themselves and presented the reports to the committee.

Rep. Redd asked clarifying questions about the difference between detention and secure care. Ms. Williamson and Ms. Burke responded.

Rep. Redd asked about the use of the Cache County facility and Ms. Burke responded.

Rep. Seegmiller asked about the turnover rate of counselors and Ms. Burke responded.

7 . Performance Measures: Base Budget (Line Item) Performance Measures for FY

[8a1-UDOH Line Item Performance Measure Report FY18 - October 2018](#)

Mr. Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), presented the report to the committee.

[8b-DHS - Line Item Performance Measures - 2018 GS - FY 2018](#)

[8b2-DHS - Budget Item Performance Measures - FY 2018](#)

Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, presented the reports to the committee.

Ms. Dana Gauthier, Finance Director, Division of Aging and Adult Services, DHS, provided additional information.

Ms. Diane Moore, Director, Division of Child and Family Services, DHS, provided additional information about the reports' data and responded to questions from the committee.

Rep. Thurston asked clarifying questions and Ms. Moore responded.

Rep. Ward asked for additional information and Ms. Moore responded.

Rep. Redd asked a clarifying question and Ms. Moore responded.

Rep. Thurston asked a clarifying question and Ms. Moore responded.

Rep. Ward asked a clarifying question and Ms. Moore responded.

Rep. Thurston commented on what is being measured to obtain meaningful data.

Rep. Redd asked a clarifying question and Ms. Moore responded.

MOTION: Rep. Ward moved that the subcommittee directs the Department of Health to prepare a comprehensive report by November 30, 2018 on: (1) How they currently pay for outpatient physical therapy and occupational therapy treatment, and (2) An estimate of what the costs and improvements in physical and occupational therapy availability and services might be if Medicaid were to move from its current single, all-inclusive code for the outpatient therapy treatment to the multiple treatment codes used by other insurances, Medicare, and other state Medicaid programs.

Mr. Nathan Checketts, Deputy Director, DOH, was invited by Chair Ray to discuss the motion at the request of Sen. Christensen.

The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

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Ms. Lence completed her presentation of the reports.

[8c-DWS - Building Block Performance Measures - FY18](#)[8d-DWS - Line Item Performance Measures - FY 2018](#)

Ms. Maddy Oritt, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, presented the reports to the committee.

8 . Written Reports

[9a-Transition Age Employment - Report with LFA Highlight](#)

Ms. Lence gave an overview of the report to the committee.

Ms. Pinna was invited to respond to the report.

Rep. Ward asked for clarification on how we define who has a disability. Ms. Pinna responded.

Sen. Escamilla provided additional information.

[9b-Forensic Competency Restoration Update - October 2018](#)

Ms. Lence introduced the report to the committee.

Mr. Dallas Earnshaw, Superintendent, Utah State Hospital, explained the report to the committee.

Rep. Redd commented on the value of the State Hospital in helping restore competency to people in the criminal justice system and the improvement in outcomes for both civilian and forensic patients.

Sen. Christensen stated that there were a hundred and four treatment beds at the Capitol. Rep. Thurston said they were unsupervised and Sen. Christensen added they were hopeless. Mr. Earnshaw offered to provide screening.

[9c-Employability to Careers Program 2018 Annual Report](#)

Ms. Oritt introduced the report to the committee.

Mr. Stephen Lisonbee, Director, Division of Workplace Development, Department of Workforce Services (DWS), and Board Chair, Employability to Careers Board (ECB), introduced himself and Duncan Evans, Governor's Office of Management and Budget, and Board Staff, ECB.

Mr. Evans explained the report to the committee.

Mr. Lisonbee provided additional information about the report and board.

9 . Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

Mr. George Chapman, citizen, expressed that The INN Between is a needed and compassionate service, but he has concerns about some of the clients it serves. He also expressed concern about the strained relationship The INN Between has with its neighbors.

Sen. Christensen asked what can be done to help the situation and Mr. Chapman responded.

Chair Ray commented that the committee will work with the community and The INN Between.

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked Mr. Chapman a question about neighbors' access to The INN Between and Mr. Chapman responded.

Ms. Tammy Castleforte, citizen, stated that she likes the mission of The INN Between but is concerned about how it is run.



Mr. Allen Johnson, citizen, formerly Planning Director for Salt Lake City, expressed concern with the planning process and business license terms, and also his desire to solve the issues between neighbors and The INN Between without litigation.

Chair Ray commented on the scope and purpose of today's meeting. He encouraged the concerned citizens to work with the city and county to address their issues.

Ms. Sophia Anderson, citizen, questioned whether The INN Between is really being run as a hospice or if it has expanded beyond its zoned mission.

Chair Ray expressed his gratitude for the departing legislators: Rep. Edwards, Rep. Redd, and Rep. Chavez-Houck.

Rep. Redd stated how much he has enjoyed being on the committee and the importance of the work they are involved with.

Rep. Chavez-Houck said she enjoyed working on this committee because of the people they serve. She thanked the staff, and the agencies and advocates who have appeared before the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Redd motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-9

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Chair Ray adjourned the meeting at 4:32 PM and a tour was given by the staff of The INN Between.